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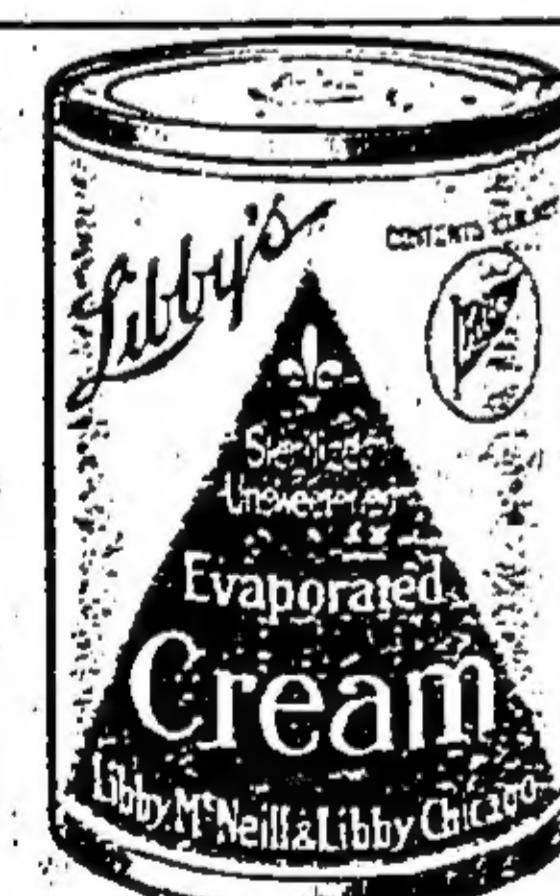
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LONDON, August 4.

The military situation in Poland is arousing considerable anxiety in view of the uncompromising attitude of the Bolsheviks. The question of helping Poland defend her frontiers as defined by the Allies is complicated by Germany's obstructionist tactics regarding the use of the Danzig corridor which is the sole communication to Poland. Germany, in spite of protestations to the contrary, is strongly suspected of playing the Bismarckian role of fishing in troubled waters.

NO BRITISH TROOPS FOR POLAND.

There is at present no idea of despatching British troops to Poland but French circles seem to favour sending some Colonial detachments.

The Bolshevik advance in Eastern Galicia furthermore raises the problem of preventing the isolation of Rumania and the invasion of Hungary. The Daily Telegraph understands that in view of the breakdown of the Baranovitchi negotiations, it is obvious that the Bolshevik intention is to crush Poland.

TRADE NEGOTIATIONS SUSPENDED.

The British Government has decided to suspend all negotiations with the Soviet delegates to London regarding a resumption of trade relations, and if the Soviet armies persist in their efforts to enter Warsaw, the Russian delegation will be required to leave England.

BOLSHEVISM IMPOSED BY FORCE.

LONDON, August 4.
The design to impose Bolshevism upon Poland by force appears to be actually in the process of accomplishment. A Moscow wireless message announces that a provisional revolutionary Soviet has been formed in the occupied parts of Poland with the Pole Dzerzhinsky, a sinister figure, who is head of the extraordinary commission, as one of its leaders. Its manifesto says that peace is only possible with a Soviet Poland and when the Government is overthrown a Soviet republic will be established.

LONDON CONFERENCE ABANDONED.

PARIS, August 4.
The Hayes News Agency states that the British Government has sent a wireless message to the Bolshevik Government that in view of its pretension of beginning with Poland not only armistice but also peace negotiations, the idea of a London Conference has been abandoned.

BOLISH SOCIALISTS SUPPORT GOVERNMENT.

WARSAW, August 4.
The central committee of the Polish Socialists has approved the decision of the party executive to participate in a coalition Government for national defence, and has also issued a manifesto to its supporters urging concentration for repelling the Bolshevik invasion.

COUNTY CRICKET.

Kent beat Hants by 165 runs; Warwick beat Derby by 220 runs; Gloucester beat Somerset by four wickets; Leicester beat North Hants by 103 runs; Essex beat Worcester by an innings and 242 runs; and Yorks and Lancs drew.

MESOPOTAMIA.

LOWER EUPHRATES SITUATION QUIETER.

KUFA HOLDING OUT.

LONDON, August 4.

A War Office communiqué states that the situation on the lower Euphrates is quieter. The Arabs who attacked our posts north and northwest of Hillah suffered heavy losses and left 130 dead. There have been further small raids, particularly near Jerbojik. The Kufa garrison is still holding out. A part of the town was afire three days ago.

OIL.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S PURCHASES.

AMERICA ALARMED.

WASHINGTON, August 4.

The Department of Commerce, in a report to the Lands Committee of the Senate, says that it appears that the British Government is definitely going into the oil business. It cites in this connection the Government's acquisition of two-thirds of the stock of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company and says that it seems imperative for the United States Government to take the same course or find a way of preventing as far as possible a monopoly of future sources of oil supply by the nationals of foreign countries.

WRANGEL CLAIMS SUCCESS.

ENEMY ATTACKS HEAVILY REPULSED.

CAVALRY PUT TO FLIGHT.

LONDON, August 4.

Communications from General Wrangel dated July 30 report successful fighting along the whole north-eastern front. Many prisoners and guns were captured. Enemy attacks were heavily repulsed on the Waldheim front. Red cavalry of the Second Army were put to flight with heavy losses. White troops have retaken the Korean monastery near Kalkovka. The enemy had desecrated churches and defaced icons. They used altar cloths for tobacco pouches.

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THE PROCESS OF SETTLEMENT.

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PENNG, August 4.

A mandate has been issued dissolving the Anfu Club.

The President promulgated another mandate this evening blaming himself for the recent troubles and declaring that these show that he lacks virtue and ability. His Excellency concludes by urging the people to cease their quarrels and maintain the prestige of the nation.

General Chang Tso-lin arrived this evening and General Tsao Kun is expected later. They will interview the President immediately.

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LITERATURE AND PATRIOTISM.

MR. CHESTERTON ON NATIONAL SONGS.

Mr. G. K. Chesterton delivered a lecture on "Literature and Patriotism" at an afternoon meeting at the residence of Lady Nathan in Cornwall Gardens on June 7, under the auspices of the British Women's Patriotic League, the Marchioness Townshend presiding.

Mr. Chesterton said England specialised with less success in patriotic literature than any other country. With regard to "God Save the King," he thought one verse was excellent—the verse which was always left out. (Laughter.) "Rule Britannia" was a florid Eighteenth-century production. He had been told that the music was German. He knew nothing about music, but he would undertake to say that the words were not English. (Laughter.) Perhaps the truth was that the finest national songs were those of nations in suppression or revolt. He considered that the finest national song as far as literature went was "The Wearing of the Green," and that for its equal they would have to go back three thousand years to the song beginning "By the Waters of Babylon." (Hear, hear.)

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ENTOMOLOGICAL PROBLEMS
OF TO-DAY.

Strangely, as though by way of a challenge to the Imperial entomologists now assembled in London, British insect pests bid fair to be more numerous than usual this summer writes C. A. E. in a home paper of June 6. We, in Britain, however, with our modern sanitation, our relatively limited crops and our herds, numbered by tens rather than by thousands, know little of the real struggle between insects and man. In the tropics, where insect life attains its zenith, the warfare is grim, unceasing. Even in temperate lands, where agriculture is practised on a large scale, the struggle is little less intense.

Compared with many of the other sciences economic entomology is a comparative upstart. It has been made and is making rapid progress. Its importance, however, is not fully realised outside of scientific circles. One apparently contradictory result of the increased and increasing knowledge of insects and their ways is that entomological problems appear to be more urgent and more widespread than ever. Today man's enemy is not only the mosquito, the flea, or the tsé-tsé fly; he is encompassed by an active, industrious horde seeking to do him evil. With greater insight into insect activities there have arisen greater responsibilities.

Were it possible to tabulate the annual amount of damage done by insects to man and his belongings, the figures would be so staggering in their immensity as to appear incredible. An example may lend persuasion to the statement. Apart from food crops, no plants are more important than those which provide fibres, and of them cotton is the chief. Failure of the cotton crop brings untold misery in its train; yet, during a single year, the cotton-boll weevil did damage to the extent of over £40,000,000 in nine States of America; in a country, it be noted, which is fully alive to the insect problem.

THE COTTON-BOLL WEEVIL.
The cotton-boll weevil, known also as the Mexican cotton-boll weevil, from the fact that it first became associated with cotton in Northern Mexico in 1885, invaded the American cotton fields in force about eight years later. Since then, despite every effort at control, it has continued its serious depredations. The fact is the more remarkable, when it is known that more than fifty different species of insects are the weevil's foes, thirty of them being true parasites. Its success in the struggle for existence is due to the fact that it is prolific, it completes its life cycle rapidly, and being a strong flier, is speedily distributed from one cotton

field to another. The ignorance and prejudices of the cotton growers, in the early days of the insect's migration to their crops, have much to do with its present firmly established position.

Another cotton pest, the object of much concern to entomologists at the present time, is the pink boll worm, the larva of a moth. This insect, in 1917, damaged Egyptian cotton to the extent of over £10,000,000. These are stupendous figures—£50,000,000 on the debit side of the account through the depredations of two species of insects on one kind of crop in twelve months.

It may be affirmed that every crop of economic importance has its own insect problem. To deal with a fifth of them, in a short article, is clearly impossible. The pests of tea are, however, to the fore at the moment. One of them, the shot hole borer, tunnels in the stems of tea plants, much as the familiar furniture beetle riddles our furniture. The other, the tea tortrix, in its larval stage, rolls the tea leaves and encloses itself within just as the larva of the oak leaf roller moth rolls the leaves of its host plant. Tea leaves thus rolled are rendered distasteful and lose their fine flavour.

With the object of making good, in some degree, the waste of war, considerable planting of young forest trees has taken place. This has been the signal for renewed activity on the part of certain insects. As a consequence, one of the urgent entomological problems of the day concerns the control of the pine weevil, a small beetle which, injurious to adult pines, is fatal to the young trees, stripping them of their bark, thus causing festered sores and even death. Despite the expenditure of much money and effort, the pest is on the increase.

THE whole story of the tsé-tsé fly in Africa has not yet been told by any means. Since Sir David Bruce's epoch-making discoveries much ground has been covered, but much remains to be learned concerning these insects and their relation to man and his cattle. The house fly at home is in like case; surprisingly little is known of the habits and activities of this ubiquitous insect, a proven disease carrier. The familiar is always immaterial, but until the house fly question has been grappled with more seriously, man will continue to suffer as a result of his apathy.

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HOW PLANTS TRAVEL.

That "animals live and move, while plants live and are fixed" is still an article of popular belief, though scientists discarded the dictum long ago as a definition of difference between members of the animal and the vegetable kingdoms. In a lecture on the various methods of locomotion developed by plants, delivered in the Museum at the Gardens of the Royal Botanic Society of London, Mr. J. L. North, the society's curator, pointed out that though the above distinction still held, broadly speaking, there are some animals that are fixed and some plants that can move. He said that plants, in addition to an actual power of movement possessed by a few, as a result of ages of experimenting, have elaborated a secondary method of locomotion, rivaling and excelling anything to be found in the animal kingdom—dispersion by seed. A natural barrier, such as a range of mountains, a desert, or a sea will confine within it most species of animals; but it is no bar to plants. Plants have made friends of air and water, and by these means have secured ways to travel to the utmost ends of the earth. They have even drawn in the animals to do their bidding sometimes by bribing them, but, at other times, by means as effective as they are brutal.

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NOTICE.

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Agency of the CHINA MIN. S.S. CO.
Ltd., will be in charge of Mr. C. T.
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O. H. RITTER,
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND OF ONE
DOLLAR per Share for the six
months ending 30th June, 1920, will be
PAYABLE on TUESDAY, August 10th,
on which date Dividend Warrants may
be obtained on application at the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from TUES-
DAY, August 3rd to TUESDAY,
August 10th, both days inclusive,
during which period no Transfer of
Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, July 17, 1920.

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY,
LIMITED.
(Incorporated in the United Kingdom)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of
NINE PENCE per Share on account of the
year 1920, has been declared.

The DIVIDEND will be payable on
and after WEDNESDAY, the 25th day of
August 1920, to Shareholders on the
Register on TUESDAY, the 10th day of
August 1920, and will be paid to
Shareholders on the Colonial (Hongkong)
Register at the exchange rate of 3 1/2 per
Dollar.

By Order of the Board,

R. J. WILTON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 26, 1920.

NOTICE.

I beg to inform my Customers and
the General Public that I have
returned to the Colony and established
myself as a Milliner and General Draper
at No. 4, D'Aguilar Street and will
carry on business as before under the
style and firm name of HPTOOLA &
CO. LTD.

I am showing new goods of the most
fashionable and latest styles and ask
my old patrons and constituents to
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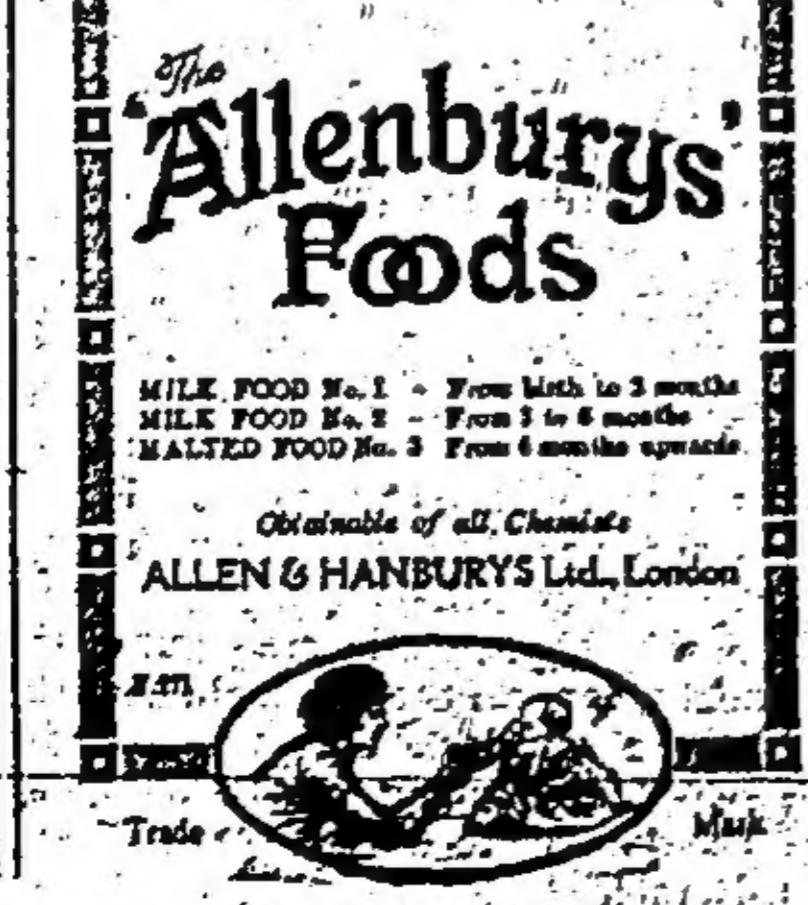
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PUTTING SOMETHING ON A
HORSE.

When a man talks of playing, in
the sense of gaming, he specifically
does not mean playing a game. The
vocabulary of the subject is doubtless
vague and ambiguous, but the ex-
hortation to "play the game" does
indicate the comprehension of some
ideals more dignified, than merely
putting money down on green tables
in the hope that it may multiply
itself by good luck. You can play
the game at cricket, or football;
you can scarcely do so at bowls
or *petanque*.

It is clear that the two former stand in a higher
category than the two latter; they
share the elements of uncertainty
and excitement about the result, but
they depend so much on admirable
personal qualities, on speed, skill,
endurance, enterprise, and loyalty.

It is a frequent complaint that the
British, as a nation, are ceasing to
exercise these qualities for them-
selves, and preferring to watch the
professional exercise of them by
others and to bet on them.

If this is so, it is a pity. But the
moralist can extract a sermon from
the stone he is engaged in throwing
at his decadent generation. If the
psychological need of play can really
be satisfied by watching others play-
ing, it is clear that the essential
is not in the exercise, but in the
excitement. And that is why horse
racing is the most popular (as well as
the most widely exaggerated) of all
our forms of sport, and why the
newspapers find it so easy to concentrate
the throbbing hopes and fears of
a nation upon the Derby. True, the
merely aesthetic side of horse-racing
must appeal to a great many. The
horse is beautiful, sleek, bright-eyed,
capricious—slim as a dancer, swift
as an arrow, uncertain as a mistress.

"The horse," wrote a schoolboy in a
famous essay, "is a noble animal, but when infuriated it will not do
so." And the light and colour of
the actual race provide a more beautiful
vision than the scrambling of
twenty-two men (or thirty, as the
case may be) about a muddy

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The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 1920.

TIDY HONGKONG.

Prophets have honour save in their own country, and the things that are ever under their noses, the people do not see. This explains why our gratification, when visitors praise our town, is always slightly tinged with surprise. Just what is it that they admire? The architecture? Yes, after all, it is not so bad. The covered sidewalks? Truly, they are a good idea, affording shade from sun and shelter from rain. The splendid roads? Those, of course, are really good, with better surfaces than are usual in other places. We may admit this without seeming to boast. But what is it that most strikes the visitor from other places? Is there anything that he particularly remarks? There is. Showing a little surprise in his turn at the need for pointing it out, he says the feature that catches his eye right away is our tidiness. Every street is so neatly tidied up. No odds and ends of litter, no ragged edges, are common almost everywhere else. It is as if magicians did it in the night, he says. One never catches Hongkong untidy.

Now that our attention is called to it, and we mightily survey other places, we know, we realize that there is much in the observation. The P.W.D., the Sanitary Board men, and the Police are too cooperative, magicians who earn us these compliments. Let us thank them. Let us admit that they are deserved. For after all, it is easy to imagine that but for a very great deal of method and unnoticed work, a town like ours, with a community like ours, could soon be terribly untidy.

PASSPORTS AGAIN.

We object to burglars. It is perhaps not too much to assert that we very properly object to them. We desire not to be bothered by them. We hire police to save us from them. If the police, to save themselves, trouble, turned on us and said things such as here follow, what would we think? Say? Do Police? It is our duty to save you from the annoyance of burglars. Very well. Windows are a temptation to burglars. We order you to close all your windows to secure

them, and to keep them permanently fastened. To make quite sure, we are putting a tax on windows. If you must have a window, you must pay for it. You will be granted a window permit, if you can prove that you are a suitable person, and not likely to open it when burglars are about.

TRUTH.

The young and the naive (which does not necessarily count among Dominions) are the only people who really mean truth when they mention it, and they mean it for the simple reason that they do not yet know it. The sophisticated, who have seen truth, and seen that it is horrid, mean camouflage when they name truth, having agreed together, for their soul's peace, to be periphrastic and pseudonymous. Raw and naked life is disgusting until we clothe it in the fig-leaf of convention. Our Adversarian was too raw, so we have banished him awhile until he learns that clothes are important to comfort, and not the impositions he deemed them. Mr. Robert Greening has started in Penang a paper called *The Eastern Truth*, two sample copies of which have just come to us, and inspired these thoughts: Mr. Greening is not a truthful person. He is too old and too wise to be so silly and impractical. His paper may call itself *Truth*, as others have done; but it is and will be less intrinsically than its title: No paper can tell the true truth continually and survive. It makes people uncomfortable, and threatens the foundations of society. "What is truth?" asked Pilate, thereby showing that he knew what we all know. Sensible men are unanimously of opinion that the things we have all agreed to deceive ourselves into happiness with are the best brand of truth. In that sense most successful papers are entitled to include the word truth in their title or their motto.

THE ART OF "ESANIP."

You should all know the story of the farm labourer who found an artist painting an old barn, and directed his attention to a new barn more worthy of his efforts. The old barn leaned, the new one was plumb. The old one had rugged outlines, the new one was severely straight. One of our readers, criticizing the poems with which Mr. "Esanip" favours us, said things that caused us mentally to rank him with that farm labourer as regards the art sense. There are poems that are technically plumb and straight like the new barn. Mr. "Esanip's" poems are more picturesque than plumb, more soulful than straight. They may not be weatherproof as regards technique; but the spirit is there, the essence, if we may so express it, of barndom is within them. Consider to-day's example. We dare wager that Mr. "Esanip" is totally unacquainted with that haunting poetry of the Germans, which found its most poignant expression in the words and melody of "Ich weiss nicht was soll der bedenken." Yet in "Oh that melody" he strikes the self-same note. He sings from the heart, rather than from the brain. He understands never the meaning of those nameless, haunting strains that submerge his spirit and dissolve his soul in a vaguely sweet melancholy, but, artist that he is, he does his best to give it—what is the sole, whole duty of the true bard. Even while his heart mourns over the alleged discord within his breast, it is resurgent and hopeful and aspiring. He may be sad, but he must sing.

In the marches of memory, painfully, sadly, Wandering souls devoted to poetry, Pallid and frowning and pitifully sobbing, Aching with passion they cannot articulate, Feeling intensely what may not be spoken, Creeping and reaching at astral illusions, Melodiously moaning though vocally mute, Burning and flaming though starving and frozen,

Acholic and congested with love, Inebriate cries that awaken faint echoes, Echoes of murmurs heard only in dreams, Heroic in spirit and gallantly daring, Venturing flights that the eagles avoid, Soaring aloft in the welkin's wild cadence, And coming to earth to be snared in mere syllables, Sighing and singing as from a far distance, Songs that are silenced before they are heard. Of such are the Esanips, emulous essayists. Wooing the muse in the wisest of ways, Wisely, wistfully, attending her ardently, Devotedly worshipping, chanting her praises, In phrases enchanting, enhancing the charm of it, So Esanip sings.

Let the reader who is uncertain in his standards of judgment, and who seeks expert direction, carefully note how exactly "Esanip" in to-day's poem reproduces the natural vacillation of the music lover who loves yet wonders, who desires yet doubts. It disturbs him; he begs that it cease; its echoes still stir his soul; his grief makes him courageous, to bear it; though it pains him, he desires more of it; he longs for further stabs of that sweet sorrow; and he invokes the musician. Is not this just as it happens? Is not the psychology of it subtly correct? It is. And the words with which he manages this effect, how simple, how seemingly but how deceptively artless they are. The maker of doggerel would have leaped at the obvious rhyme in the second stanza, would have said that grief gave him courage to bear. That would have been banal. "Esanip," with a rare instinct, selected the word "care," which imports the sense of the dual cerebration involved in such an analysis. He falls asleep with the torturing tune still jangling in his brain; at the peep of day he is dreaming as it bids him to dream; and his first waking thought is to undergo the experience afresh and again. This is very human, very true to life. Hence these respectful compliments.

DOG SHOOTING.

"Jinks," an astute and well-bred fox terrier, belonging to respectable people by whom he was well cared for, is dead. He was in the habit of going about calling on various friends, and was well known. He was murdered in Pedder Street by a policeman's revolver, while lying down and anoving nobody, not even the policeman. He was wearing his collar and licence tag at the time. Enquiry shows that he was slain in consequence of a departmental order, issued from time to time in order to induce people to keep their dogs indoors at night. Thus we gather that we pay a dog licence for the privilege of keeping a dog in the daytime. No licence is necessary for a dog confined in a house overnight. Let us mislead no one. We may be wrong about that. That is how we figure it out.

The law under which the departmental order is issued is an evident afterthought, quite possibly an interpolation that was shod in by some thoughtless person after the law had been discussed. It is in the Summary Offences Ordinance of 1845, made when Hongkong was a tiny settlement, and when the framers probably never realized that it would become so conspicuously inequitable and senseless as it now appears.

The confession has just been made by a Hongkong newspaper that there is no doubt whatever that a lucrative trade in morphine is going on in the Colony, despite the endeavours of the Police to prevent it. Several cases have been heard during the last year or two of men who earned their living by injecting persons who wished it, the charge in each case being ten cents. The persons most prone to this form of dope are the Chinese ricksha and street coolies, and it has been ascertained that they use it as a sort of antidote to the use of opium. A few days ago the West Point Police raided one of these dens and arrested two men who were at the moment injecting the morphine into the hands of some of their "patients." One of the officers who made the arrest stated that, in addition to about ten persons who were in the room waiting their turn, there were several outside. The Police seized all the paraphernalia, including several syringes.

tion in the matter. It merely authorizes any policeman to kill a straying or wandering dog at night; obviously leaving it to the policeman's discretion to decide whether such killing is necessary. Common sense about abounds that there was no conceivable necessity in the case of "Jinks."

It is too late now to make amends to "Jinks" or to his bereaved owners. But it is not too late to get up a petition to the Governor, signed by all dog-lovers, to issue an order to stop such unnecessary shootings; and to request the Legislative Council to reconsider this law made in the very earliest days of the colony, and probably signed only at paroxysms.

Incidentally, is the *Morning Post* correctly informed when it states that the Central Police Station officials sent Jinks' collar home with the message that they were "sorry they had made a mistake." If so, we protest: That looks as if they believe they have the right to discriminate, whereas they are authorized to shoot "any" dog in the circumstances set forth. What was their mistake? Do they mean that as an admission that Jinks was not "straying or wandering" or merely that they will not kill the pets of well known people if they recognize them? Suppose they see a dog they do not recognize, and it is walking. How do they know it is not going straight home, or even on a lawful errand? How, in short, do they guard against making mistakes? The whole position is quite plainly impossible, and the public which pays dog licences requires real protection of its property against such mistakes. The shooting order and the clause which permits it are themselves mistakes.

OUR LOCAL POETS.

OH, THAT MELODY!

[TO PROF. GONZALES.]

Stop to play that melody I pray;
It creates discord within my breast;
By-gone thoughts recalled every day
And my heart mourns at love's bereavement.

ESANIP.

Hongkong, August 4.

MORPHIA TRADE.

NOTORIETY FOR HONGKONG.

SHANGHAI PAPER'S COMMENT.

In view of the campaign which has been carried on in China for some time past, and the action which has been taken in England and America in sympathy with the movement for the arrest of the sale of morphine, it is lamentable to see how a British Crown Colony is having notoriety thrust upon it says the *Shanghai Mercury*.

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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

Orders for Cadet Company by

Lieut. A. O. Brown.

PARADE—BATHING.

Launch will leave Blake Pier at 5.15 p.m., on Wednesday, 11th in stand and call at Kowloon ten minutes later. Officer detailed for duty—2nd Lieut. A. J. M. Weyman.

STRENGTH.

Cadets A. Clark and J. Clark joined on 27th ult. and are posted to Section 2.

(d) G. F. E. Rapson, Bt. Major, Adjutant Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Hongkong, August 6, 1920.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Alla Nazimova (Mrs. Charles Bryant) the famous Cinema actress is expected to visit the Colony shortly.

The journey from Tientsin to Peking on July 21 occupied twelve hours, and there was no dining car on the train.

On July 16 the B.I.s. "Gorals" arrived at Colombo with a consignment of German toys, tinware, porcelain, and hollow glass, from Hamburg.

The tramway service was organised on Wednesday evening, when a car ran off the lines in front of the Sailors' Home, where repairs are being carried out to the tramway track.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending July 17, 1920, amounted to 87,768 tons and the sales during the period, to 55,911 tons.

The Chinese steamer "Mo Hon" went ashore in Shita Bay, St. John's Island, on Saturday during the typhoon. There is no information to hand regarding damage. The Chinese crew arrived in Hongkong on the 4th. The master is standing by the vessel.

Because of heavy rain during the last few days, many streets in Canton have been flooded to a depth of two or three feet. The Canton Mint was so badly flooded, on the morning of August 3, that the employees of the Mint could not report for work.

The China Navigation Co. and Indo-China S. N. Co. have also granted increases in pay to the Chinese crews in their vessels. The allowance per month of \$100 for the payment of wages in the catering department has been increased to \$120 per month. An increase of \$5 monthly has also been granted to the sailors and firemen.—S. G.

It has been decided to hold a Motor Gymkhana in Iph on this month under the auspices of the Perak Motor Union. It is proposed to hold events for ladies and gentlemen, and open (confined to members and their families) a "sycs" competition. Among the events it is understood that there will be a Ladies' driving race, a driving backward race for men, and a speed test.

The *Streets Echo* bears that private advices which are to a certain extent confirmed by what the *Bangkok Times* stated the week before last indicate that Siam rice crop prospects are the reverse of satisfactory at present, owing to drought. Last year the country suffered severely through floods, while this year shortage is threatened through inability to plant out at the proper time.

The *Finang Gazette* understands that the E. and O. Hotel property has changed hands, and Messrs. Sarkies Brothers are arranging to have a three storey building in place of the present main building, which will consist of a dining room to seat 300 people, private dining and reception rooms, and on the present vacant land a huge hall with a stage for performances, cinemas and dancing. When the building is completed with the present new addition, there will be 150 rooms facing the sea, besides the three annexes.

There has arisen of late a burning question, says the *Sarawak Gazette*, for to judge from remarks heard in many quarters, fames, and those undying ones, should be the portion for such as are responsible for the present state of affairs. We refer to the constant dearth of soda water, ginger beer and other necessities of civilized life in the salubrious island of Borneo. Things have indeed come to a pretty pass when the prospect of a sodaless Race week is no idle fiction!

A number of Chinese financiers both in Canton and Hongkong have formed a company to engage in the purchase of properties in the Philippines for the purpose of developing Chinese trade. Millions of dollars will be appropriated in the carrying out of the campaign. Prospective offers have already been made to several property-owners in Manila for the disposal of their properties, but so far the Chinese have not made much headway on account of the exorbitant figures asked by the proprietors who seem to have scented business ahead.—*Manila Times*.

The Pacific Mail Co.'s freighter "Elbridge," which arrived at Yokohama on July 21, fought a fire at No. 5 hold the last eight days of its passage from Honolulu. A cigarette stub was thrown or blown into a ventilator, dropping on to a half of cotton immediately below. On discovery of the outbreak the ventilators were plugged and live steam turned into the smothering pipes. Eighty steel drums of ammonia in the tweed deck created a complication. Heat and smoke drove the crew out of the hold before all the ammonia could be hoisted on deck and one cylinder exploded, blowing off the hatch. The damage to the vessel was incon siderable.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

The *China Mail* is advised that the Shanghai Cricket Club hope to send an interport cricket team to the Colony in the autumn, probably about the 8th November.

FOR A WEAK STOMACH.

A general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and complexion and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets. For a weak stomach, take one of All Chemists and Druggists' per-

SPECIAL CABLE.

SINGAPORE AVIATION.

GOVERNMENT'S PROGRESSIVE ACTION.

OFFICIAL AVIATION GROUND.

[China Mail SPECIAL.]

SINGAPORE, August 5.

The Government is laying out an official aviation ground.

OBITUARY.

MRS. ELIZABETH WALKER.

The death took place at the French Hospital, Causeway Bay, yesterday, of Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, wife of Captain E. Walker of the Douglas S.S. Company, who is at present absent from the Colony with his ship.

The deceased lady who had been a resident of Nathan Road, Kowloon, for the last seven or eight years, went into hospital some two or three months ago for treatment for an affection of the feet. Her case was not then considered serious, but, despite skilled attention, complications seem to have set in.

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MRS. E. H. LOCKWOOD.

The many friends of Mr. E. H. Lockwood, Secretary of the Canton Y.M.C.A

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SHIBIZUKA MARU ... Friday, 20th Aug., at Noon.

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KANAGAWA MARU ... Friday, 20th August.

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PESANG MARU ... Friday, 13th August.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

TENSHIN MARU ... Friday, 20th August.

CALCUTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

PENANG MARU ... Friday, 13th August.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

TANGO MARU ... Saturday, 21st August, at 11 a.m.

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In publishing the following statement of accounts of the Hongkong Fund for War-Devastated France, Mrs. Basil Taylor, the originator, desires to convey her thanks to all those who, by hard work, sympathy and subscriptions, assisted in the splendid result of this appeal. Special acknowledgement is made of the services of the General Committee in organising and carrying out so many different forms of money-making, including the meeting arranged by the Gymkhana and Jockey Clubs, which proved the best paying entertainment of the whole; and special thanks are accorded to the Portuguese Community for the splendid and indefatigable work it did under the leadership of Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa, then the Consul General; also to the French community and to the Chinese of the Colony, headed by the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Fuk and Sir Robert Ho Tung.

The proceeds of the Fund have been sent to M. Paul Hyacinth Loyson, 110 rue du Bac, Paris, who will consult with the French Minister of Reconstruction in regard to their distribution.

Through M. Reau, formerly Consul-General for France in Hongkong, the suggestion has been made that the name Hongkong should be permanently given to that of some village in the devastated part of France which shall have been benefited by the Fund, to perpetuate the memory of the Colony's work for their people. This offer was unanimously accepted by the Committee, and in due course the name of the village so designated will be announced in the Hongkong papers. Mrs. Taylor hopes, after consultation with the Minister of Reconstruction in Paris, where she is going on her way home, to visit this town and write to Hongkong some account of the Colony's god-child. Finally it is hoped that, although the Hongkong Fund for War-Devastated France has now been wound up, the Colony will continue for generations to come to take an interest in the village the Colony will have helped to create.

We are requested to add that Mr. Matheson, of the Chartered Bank, has kindly consented to receive and deal with any further sums which may come in to the Fund; and to receive and publish reports from France as to the progress of administration of Hongkong's contributions.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT.

CREDIT.

Pansy Day Fund. Acknowledged in Press up to 8th March, 1920... \$11,843.26

Later subscriptions 350.00 \$12,193.26

Gymkhana Club. By cheque for net proceeds of St. Andrew's meeting on 29th November, 1919 7,710.93

Lecture by Mle. H. Van der Flier at City Hall on 1st December, 1919. Collected by Mrs. Beavis, Mrs. Edgar Davidson, and ladies assisting them 253.85

Bookings through Messrs. Moutrie & Co. 128.60

Masked Ball on Friday, 19th December, and Cabaret on Saturday, 20th December, at Volunteer Headquarters. Gate receipts (including coupons sold) including teas provided by Mrs. Taggart and conducted by Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe 871.50

Messrs. Moutrie & Co. (including coupons sold) 363.00

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1,344.50

Tombola. Everything Stall—Mesdames Hay, Edgar Davidson; and Everything Else Stall—Mesdames Scott Harston, Frost 1,015.80

Portuguese Stall. Proceeds Tombola and Lucky Dip Stall per Portuguese Consul General, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa 1,414.35

By collecting tins 76, 77, 79, 80, 82, 84, 85 and 87 580.56

Swiss Stall. By collecting tins 72, 73, 75, 78, 83 and 86 per Mrs. Young 132.81

Hauchecorn Statuary Group Raffle (by Capt. Basil Taylor). England v. Scotland Association Football Match, Boxing Day. December 25. Increased by collections at Navy Cup Final of Xmas Day, per Mr. W. Nicholson, Vice-President, Hongkong Football Club 682.82

Red Cross Cookery Book. Sales and advertisements—Mesdames French and Taggart—Raffle. Per Mrs. Frost, Kowloon 309.02

Per Mrs. Basil Taylor. (1 lace shawl) 156.00

Interest, less stamps on cheques \$27,353.75

DEBIT.

Pansy Day and Cabaret. Collecting tins 45.00

Lecture by Mle. H. Van der Flier at City Hall on 1st Dec, 1920. 50 per cent. gross proceeds presented to Mle. Van der Flier 188.72

Rent of City Hall (reduced price) and Caretaker 77.80

Masked Ball and Cabaret. Cost of mashed 500.00

Rent of chairs and tables 53.31

Band and professional dancing 90.00

Electric light 45.00

Everything Stall and Everything Else Stall. Sundry cost 119.00

Red Cross Cookery Book. Cost of printing 290.00

Cost of posters, programmes, printing and advertising in newspapers 932.25

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And signed to and correct.
GEOFFREY S. ARCHBUTT, A.C.A.

July 26, 1920.

HOW TO GET A PASSPORT.

BY ONE WHO NEARLY DID.

AN EXPENSIVE PROCESS.

"Yes; I'm off to Milan this week," I announced brightly to Jackson on Sunday night.

"Got your passport?" he asked. "No," I answered. "I'm seeing about it to-morrow." Then he laughed in that irritating little way of his.

I have pressing business in Milan, and I want to get there, at the latest, at the beginning of next week. Also, I want to spend a couple of days in Paris and call on two or three men in Switzerland as I pass through.

"So yesterday I 'saw about' my passport. I did not see it—let me make that quite clear. A telephone book told me to go to Lake Buildings, St. James' Park, a pretty name that sounded cool. I found it at last, and, well these officials know a pretty spot when they see one.

HOUSE FULL.

The place was full and everyone was very cross and perspiring. In front of a big blackboard at the end of the room were rows and rows of people sitting on forms, or were they people? These were only the people who had nearly got their passports, and they were waiting for their names to be called out.

Out of a slot in the wall someone handed me an application form so carefully folded up that it might have been a secret warrant for execution. I started to fill it up. It was fairly reasonable until I reached the end, and then it became embarrassing. No one should be asked to describe his personal appearance.

When I had done my best I offered it to a lofty official across the counter. He glanced at it for a fraction of a second. "Bottom not completed . . . countersigned . . . and photographs . . . Your best route for Brussels, madam, is . . . This last part was, of course, meant for someone else.

PHOTOS AND INTEGRITY.

The idea of having a photograph taken and finished while you wait was cheering. For three shillings I got four lovely photographs that I can pass off as those of a friend I haven't seen for years.

Next I had to find someone who could vouch for my integrity. That took me nearly an hour and to the North of London, and I also wasted another hour in forgetting that the photographs had to be signed as well.

I reached the office just before they closed. (They close at four, or they miss that view across the lake when it is looking at its best.) The place was just as full. I handed the form over triumphantly.

"You haven't filled your face in," remarked the official in his tired way, as he pointed to a blank line. "Well," I replied, "I really thought that you could do that better than I."

He sighed and wrote something. I couldn't see properly, but I am sure he put "plain."

"What about the visas?" I asked. "They do not arise yet," he replied. "Come for your passport to-morrow or the next day. That is all for today."

STILL ANOTHER VISA!

There was a little queue at the Swiss Passport Office in Russell Square, W.C., the following day although I was there early. I was attended to fairly quickly, and when I had paid 10s. for a return visa I was a free man.

This is what my freedom cost me. Taxis and omnibuses made a big hole in 10s. There was 3s. for some dreadful photographs. 7s. 6d. for the passport, 8s. for the French visa, and another 10s. for the Swiss visa—18s. 6d. in all. In addition, I reckon the time I wasted at another seven guineas.

A friend has just told me that I need an Italian visa. Can I face another of those waiting rooms?

NO SECURITY AGAINST CRIMINALS.

Commenting on the above, the *Daily Mail*, in a leader said:—"The worry and expense caused by the passport nuisance are illustrated in an account which a reader sends us of his efforts to obtain the necessary documents for a journey from London to Milan. After two and a half days of attendance, obtaining his passport and the various visas required at different offices, and after an expenditure of 38s. 6d., he still finds himself without the Italian visa.

It would be an enormous boon to the public which travels for business and for health if this elaborate system were swept away by a compression of the unique recording international agreement. Passports, instruments, the heating devices and visas were necessary during the war to exclude spies and to endure a polar climate of 62 degrees below zero, and other mechanical features. It is more than likely that the record will again be broken; not, however, merely because these devices have been made more perfect and efficient, but also because science will have taught the airmen how to secure an unfailing supply of the indispensable oxygen.

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SEVEN MILES UP.

HOW TO STAY ALIVE.

WHAT OXYGEN DOES.

How could Major Schroeder live at an altitude nearly a mile higher than the world's balloon record, when those who made that record came near perishing and were saved only by the presence of mind of one of them who pulled a valve at the critical moment? This was Glaisher's experience in making his 30,000 foot record in 1852. Two airmen besides Schroeder have beaten that record. They and he were saved from the dangers of the human organism at great heights. When Glaisher attained 26,000 feet, he could not read his instruments properly. Shortly after this his legs became paralysed, and then his arms. Then his sight failed, afterwards his hearing, and he became unconscious. In Tissandier's fatal trip of 1873, all began to suffer before an altitude of 23,000 feet was reached, and two of the party died. We read in the *Journal*:

"The baneful effects on life in the rarefied air of higher altitudes usually makes itself manifest at a barometric pressure considerably lower than that represented in the classic instances just cited. In a review of the medical aspects of aviation, the experts of the Medical Research Laboratory of the Division of Military Aeronautics assert that mountain sickness befalls some persons at a lower, others at a higher, altitude, but it is also certain that no one who proceeds beyond a certain elevation—the critical line for him—escapes the malady. An elevation of 10,000 feet or even less might provoke it in some; others might escape the symptoms to 14,000 feet, while only a very few, possessed of unusual resisting power, can without much distress venture upward to 19,000 feet. We are further reminded that the symptoms of mountain sickness depend not only on the nature of the individual and his physical condition, but also on various intricate contingencies, especially on the amount of physical exertion made in ascending; that is, on whether the ascent is performed by climbing or by passive carriage on horse, in railway-train, or in an airplane.

"What has made possible the penetration of the higher reaches of the atmosphere in these newer flights of man, including Rohl's ascent to 31,000 feet and Casale's unofficial record of 33,000 feet last year, and culminating in the splendid achievement of Schroeder in rising nearly seven miles above the earth? It has been the scientific demonstration that the predominant physiologic upset at high altitudes, whether it be exhibited as mountain sickness or airman disease, is primarily due to the deprivation of oxygen in the rarefied air. As long ago as 1878 the eminent French physiologist Paul Bert, furnished clear experimental proof that the abnormal symptoms and dangers experienced under conditions of lowered barometric pressure are those of want of oxygen. Despite the various attempts to invoke other factors, the accumulated scientific evidence to-day supports Bert's conclusion that the essential cause of altitude sickness is lack of oxygen. Consequently, he who would attempt the conquest of the air several miles above the earth must be supplied with oxygen in sufficient abundance.

"The adaptation of man to life at altitudes has occasionally been discussed in the *Journal*. Important as they undoubtedly are for the mountaineer and, latterly, for the airmen under ordinary circumstances of flying, these adaptive responses cannot satisfy the needs of the organism in those record flights represented by Schroeder's attainment. Accordingly, it is significant that his failure to ascend even higher in the world's record flight was due, according to the Press despatches, to the exhaustion of the aviator's oxygen tanks which supplied the needed respiratory gas. It is this failure, we may assume, in the absence of official information which robbed him of consciousness and thus was responsible for the spectacular fall of several thousand feet which almost cost Schroeder his life.

"The glowing accounts of the new conquest of the upper air have been replete with praises of the superior motors, dependable air systems, and the unique recording international agreement. Passports, instruments, the heating devices and visas were necessary during the war to exclude spies and to endure a polar climate of 62 degrees below zero, and other mechanical features. It is more than likely that the record will again be broken; not, however, merely because these devices have been made more perfect and efficient, but also because science will have taught the airmen how to secure an unfailing supply of the indispensable oxygen.

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PROHIBITION LAW.

A FASCINATING DRINK.

Another law in the Prohibition Law has been found by Representative Gandy, of South Dakota, who has introduced a Bill in Congress asking that "mescal" be banished from the country. Mescal, which is the button-shaped top of a cactus plant, apparently contains no alcohol, but nevertheless intoxicates, and is being used extensively in the Indian reservations. In the absence of other drinks whites are eagerly adopting it. According to those who have sampled it, mescal makes whisky seem like lemonade. In describing the effects of the drug, Mr. Gandy said: Time is lengthened. A minute is like an hour, an hour is like a whole night, things seem far away; common sounds are wonderful, so that one note struck on the piano sounds like a whole chord; each note produces a new series of wonderful colours. Clothed in these kaleidoscopic colours all kinds of animals and objects are seen, some beautiful and alluring, others grotesque and fearful, but it is the colours constantly coming and going that make the most satisfying appeal."

WAR INVENTION.

A "ZIGZAG" CLOCK.

A claim in respect of an alarm clock by means of which it was possible for the helmsman of a ship to alter its course at the right moment in order to avoid being torpedoed by a submarine came before the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors. Commander Wyatt, formerly of the Navy, and Captain Lewis, R.N., made a joint claim in respect of this invention, which was known as a "Zigzag" clock.

Commander Wyatt read a letter written by Admiral Sir Richard Webb, who declared that "zigzagging" was most efficacious in warding off submarine attack. The witness explained that the clocks were used with large convoys of American troops, which, when proceeding at a rapid rate, had to zigzag, and unless they had some synchronized method of doing so there would very soon have been collisions.

Mr. R. Montz (for the Treasury) agreed that these clocks were an extremely useful anti-submarine weapon.

Zigzagging could not have been adopted successfully apart from a clock, but there were other clocks. The applicants had merely introduced an element of variability to an invention by a man named Brooks, who only received £50 from the Admiralty Ordnance Committee. For that improvement Commander Wyatt and Captain Lewis had already received £100 each from the Committee.

The Commission will promulgate their decision.

THE PERFECT MAIDEN.

AN ANXIOUS SEARCH.

New York July 10.—The trustees of the £2,000 fund left in March, 1919, by Count Paul Balaust of Turin, the interest of which is to be paid annually to the most virtuous girl of Providence, Rhode Island, are anxiously seeking a possible prize winner as July 17 approaches. The Italian Consul-General, under whose supervision, by the terms of the will the award is to be made, has approved 14 points which must be possessed by the virtuous maiden who, being 20 years of age, is marriageable, and the daughter of common people will best deserve the prize by her conduct and family virtues.

It was comparatively easy to draw up the 14 points, but the trustees are losing sleep over the problem of finding a girl who possesses them. They made the trustee requirements she must be strong, true, just, kind, reverent, humble, dutiful, amiable, prudent, faithful, patient, cheerful, decorous, and if possible discreet. Such a girl it is believed must be sought in Heaven and not in Providence, Rhode Island.

BRITISH TRADE BOOMING.

WEATHER REPORT.

Aug. 6d. 12A. Gim.—No returns from Japan and Vladivostok.

Pressure has increased slightly at all reporting stations; it remains low over China and fresh S.W. winds, will continue over the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours, ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 72.49 inches, against an average of 64.56 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on July 7th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. S. and S.W. winds, moderate to fair.

2.—Forces Channel. The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER
REPORT.

AUGUST 6, 1920.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Pressure at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Wind. Force.	Wind. Direction.
Vladivostok	6a.	—	—	—	—
Nemuro	5.5	—	—	—	—
Hiakodate	—	—	—	—	—
Fukio	—	—	—	—	—
Kochi	—	—	—	—	—
Nagasaki	—	—	—	—	—
Kasaijima	—	—	—	—	—
Oshima	—	—	—	—	—
Naha	—	—	—	—	—
Ishigima	—	—	—	—	—
Bonin Island	—	—	—	—	—
Wakayama	6a.	29.58	75.95	2	b
Hakone	—	—	—	—	—
Ishikawa	—	—	—	—	—
Chiba	—	—	—	—	—
Shizuoka	—	—	—	—	—
Yamagata	—	—	—	—	—
Yamaguchi	—	—	—	—	—
Okayama	—	—	—	—	—
Swatow	—	—	—	—	—
Taihoku	—	—	—	—	—
Taichu	—	—	—	—	—
Taiwan	—	—	—	—	—
Kochou	—	—	—	—	—
Pescadores	—	—	—	—	—
Canton	—	—	—	—	—
Hongkong	—	—	—	—	—
Gap Rock	—	—	—	—	—
Macao	—	—	—	—	—
Woochow	—	—	—	—	—
Patki	—	—	—	—	—
Woochow	—	—	—	—	—
Whalen	7a.	29.56	81.00	2	b
Tonkin	—	—	—	—	—
C. St. James	—	—	—	—	—
Apri	—	—	—	—	—
Daguan	—	—	—	—	—
Manila	—	—	—	—	—
Legazpi	—	—	—	—	—
Tebloben	—	—	—	—	—
Iloilo	—	—	—	—	—
Surigao	—	—	—	—	—
Guam	—	—	—	—	—
Labuan	—	—	—	—	—

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Hongkong Observatory, Aug. 6, 1920.

1. BANOMETER reduced to 28 degrees Fahrenheit, on the level of the sea in order, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points. 5. FORCE, or WIND, according to Beaufort Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, b blue sky, c dotted cloud, d drizzling rain, f fog, g gloomy, h hail, l lightning, o overcast, p passing showers, q small rain, r snow, t thunder, v visibility, w dew, w wet.

7. RAIN IN inches tenths and hundredths.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1903-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart which has been found to be 4 feet.

inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

August 7 to 13, 1920.

	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Time	Hongkong Mean Time	Height
7	2 0	100
8	1 44	4 6
9	1 20	2 9
10	1 15	2 4
11	2 22	5 8
12	2 21	4 2
13	2 20	3 1
14	2 20	2 1
15	2 19	1 1
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22	2 12	1 1
23	2 11	1 1
24	2 10	1 1
25	2 09	1 1
26	2 08	1 1
27	2 07	1 1
28	2 06	1 1
29	2 05	1 1
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31	2 03	1 1
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